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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance	
A	-	JP 11247606	(Mitsubishi Heavy Industries) See figure 3 and WPI abstract accession No. 1999-470883 [40]. Document discloses blade 51 with cooling passages in the blade platform.
A	-	US 6120249	(Siemens Westinghouse) See figure 3 and line 31 of col. 4 to line 30 of col. 5. Document discloses a blade 42 with platform 67 and fillet, featuring cooling passages 88 - 92 in platform.
A	-	US 5340278	(United Technologies) See figures 2 and 3 and line 62 of column 3 to line 11 of column 4. Document discloses a blade 32 with cooled fillet 44.

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